

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement drawings are submitted for each of Figures 1-7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

In view of the indication of allowable subject matter, rejoinder of the withdrawn claims is solicited.

Drawing/Specification Objections

As to the drawing/specification objections set forth, the features objected to have been removed from the claims.

In view of this, it is believed that the drawings are fully compliant with the rules and do not present new matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 16, 17, 19 and 20 were rejected under the written description requirement of 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

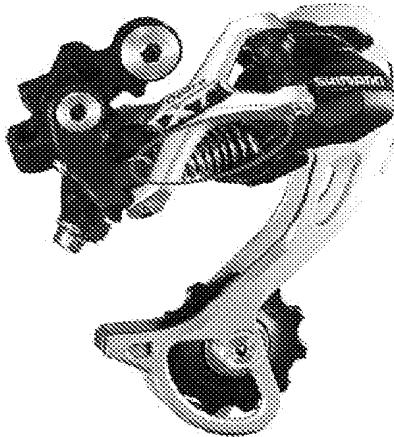
The elastic return means of the gearshifts has not been represented in detail on the drawings. The reference character 5 corresponds to one gearshift (the front gearshift) and the reference character 6 corresponds to the rear gearshift.

The specification discloses that the object of the invention is a speed changer with a predetermined gear, especially for a cycle, for cable control, based on a single rotating grip,

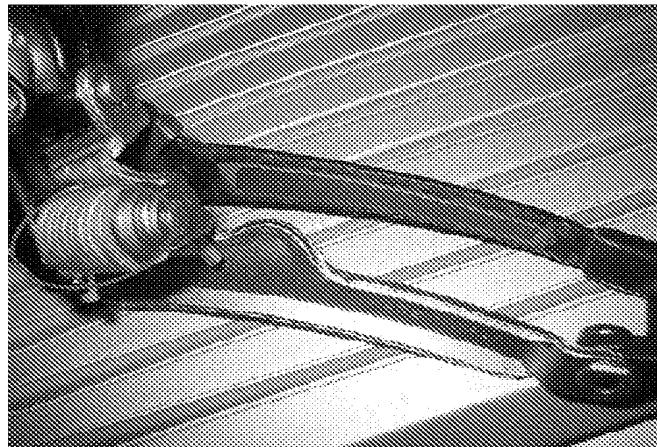
of gearshifts connected respectively to an elastic return means, such as a spring, said changer comprising at least two cable operating mechanisms located within a case, ... .

The specification also discloses that the gearshifts 5, 6 are connected respectively to an elastic return means, such as a spring, that is designed to act on the gearshift control cable. Please see the below illustrations.

**Rear gear shift**



**Front gear shift**



Although not explicitly illustrated, in the interest of advancing the case, and because a gearshift is always associated

with an elastic return means such as a spring that is designed to act on the gear shift control cable, this recitation in the preamble has been removed.

As the features objected to have been removed from the claims, this rejection is moot.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

Drawings

In view of the Form PTO-948 objections, new replacement drawings are provided.

It is noted that the drawings in PAIR are of a poorer quality than the drawings in the PDF file uploaded to the USPTO. Nonetheless, the present drawings are believed to be fully compliant with the drawing requirements.

In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following items:

- Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-7 of the drawings